

**BOROUGH of KENNETT SQUARE  
COUNTY of CHESTER, COMMONWEALTH of PENNSYLVANIA**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-04**

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**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A CITIZEN'S COMMISSION FOR  
CONGRESSIONAL, SENATORIAL AND REPRESENTATIVE  
REDISTRICTING**

**WHEREAS**, Article 2, section 16 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania requires that congressional, senatorial and representative districts in the Commonwealth "...shall be composed of compact and contiguous territory as nearly equal in population as practicable..." and further provides that "[u]nless absolutely necessary no county, city, incorporated town, borough, township or ward shall be divided in forming either a congressional, senatorial or representative district";

**WHEREAS**, noncompliance with districting requirements implicates the equal protection guarantee and the free and equal elections clause of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania;

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of the Borough of Kennett Square and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are entitled to a fair, non-discriminatory, and non-political process in the decennial configuration of congressional, senatorial and representative districts of near equal population;

**WHEREAS**, the creation of an independent and non-political citizens redistricting commission will help to ensure a fair and constitutional redistricting process that will help prevent the creation of districts that favor or discriminate against a political party, group, or class of citizens; and


**WHEREAS**, legislation has been introduced to amend the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to reform the decennial congressional, senatorial and representative redistricting process in a non-political and constitutionally sound manner.

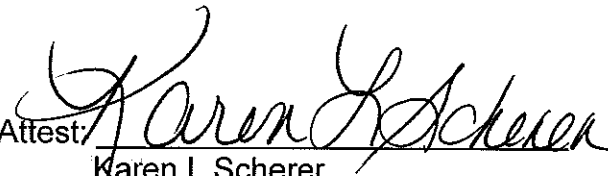
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Kennett Square Borough Council supports legislative efforts for a constitutional amendment that would, among other reforms, assign the decennial task of congressional, senatorial and representative redistricting to an independent citizens redistricting commission; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Kennett Square Borough urges the elected officials in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania listed below to publicly announce their support of and commitment to work towards passage of these legislative efforts, and that a copy of this resolution be delivered to each of them.

Governor Tom Wolf  
Lieutenant Governor Mike Stack  
Attorney General Josh Shapiro  
United States Senator Bob Casey  
United States Senator Pat Toomey  
United States Representative Lloyd Smucker  
Pennsylvania Senator Tom Killion  
Pennsylvania Representative Steve Barrar  
Chester County Commissioner Kathi Cozzone  
Chester County Commissioner Terence Farrell  
Chester County Commissioner Michelle Kichline  
Kennett Square Mayor Matt Fetick

**ADOPTED**, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017, at a regular stated meeting of the Council of the Borough of Kennett Square.

By:   
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Danilo P. Maffei  
President of Borough Council

Attest:   
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Karen L. Scherer  
Borough Secretary

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